BUREAU OF STATISTICS

SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLLS & HOURS

August 2006

1 Yukon Employees (based on employer payroll counts)

- The number of employees* in August, 2006 18,139
- The number of employees* in August, 2005 17,834
- The difference was an increase of 305
- As a percentage, the increase was 1.7%

* Does not include self-employed workers

In August of 2006, the preliminary number of employees* in the Yukon totalled 18,139. There were 2,336 in Goods-producing Industries, an increase of 393 employees, or 20.2%, over the August 2005 figure of 1,943. In August of this year, there were 15,417 in Service-producing Industries, a decrease of 256 employees, or 1.6%, from the August 2005 figure of 15,673.

2 About the Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours

There are two perspectives on Yukon employment. One, based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS), provides the perspective from a sample of households reporting experience of employment and unemployment. The other, based on the Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours (SEPH), provides a perspective on the number of employees based on employer administrative payroll records. The LFS is generally well known and is the focus of a regular series of monthly publications by the Yukon Bureau of Statistics. SEPH is less well-known but has the advantage of being a monthly census of all in-scope businesses maintained by the Business Register Division of Statistics Canada and from a list of all businesses registered in Canada Customs and Revenue Agency's Business Number program with one or more active payroll deduction accounts. Public Institutions Division of Statistics Canada provides information for general government services at the territorial level. *However, those enterprises primarily involved in agriculture, fishing and trapping, private household services, religious organizations and military personnel of defense services are excluded.*[1] It should also be noted that **SEPH does NOT include self-employed workers** in any of its figures. In August 2006, the Labour Force Survey estimated 2,600 self-employed Yukoners.

Comparisons between the LFS estimates of employment and the SEPH report of the number of employees will reveal differences which are largely due to the exclusion of self-employed workers and employees having more than one job at a time. For example, it is entirely possible to have SEPH report 17,000 paid employees in a month which could be filled by 8,500 workers each working two jobs; or 15,000 working one job and 500 working two jobs and 333 working three jobs. Historically, the number of multiple job holders reported by the LFS has varied between 700 and 1,400 with an average of just over 1,000 from 1992 through 2005. What we do not know from the LFS is how many jobs multiple job holders held in a given month.

The most current month's figures released are always preliminary and are revised the following month. Caution should be used when using the most current month's figures as the revisions are sometimes significant.

[1] See http://www.statcan.ca/cgi-bin/imdb/p2SV.pl?Function=getSurvey&SDDS=2612&lang=en&db=IMDB&dbg=f&adm=8&dis=2#top for further information.

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3 Goods- and Service-Producing Industries

		Total Number of Employees*	Goods-Producing Industries	Construction	Service-Producing Industries	Trade	Transportation and Warehousing	Information and Cultural Industries
2006	**Aug (p)**	**18,139**	**2,336**	**1,026**	**15,417**	**1,989**	**1,063**	**455**
	Jul (r)	18,576	2,338	1,025	15,851	2,056	1,086	453
	Jun	18,657	2,241	1,041	16,111	2,085	1,017	534
	May	17,392	1,917	841	15,244	1,944	968	567
	Apr	16,162	1,612	703	14,350	1,772	937	546
	Mar	16,432	1,835	960	14,365	1,736	923	556
	Feb	16,130	1,682	917	14,205	1,938	896	541
	Jan	15,715	1,665	905	13,893	1,966	895	544
2005	Dec	16,577	1,692	885	14,725	2,245	893	x
	Nov	16,388	1,547	907	14,673	2,251	901	x
	Oct	17,114	1,801	1,043	15,135	2,192	945	x
	Sep	17,669	1,896	1,082	15,587	2,302	976	x
	Aug	17,834	1,943	1,078	15,673	2,339	1,003	x
	Jul	17,884	1,991	1,049	15,664	2,310	1,001	x
	Jun	18,206	1,886	1,024	16,105	2,404	987	x
	May	16,603	1,436	750	14,991	2,269	948	x
	Apr	15,471	1,132	534	14,172	2,158	925	x
	Mar	15,516	973	464	14,387	2,136	924	x
	Feb	15,297	894	443	14,268	2,190	878	x
	Jan	14,991	890	436	13,971	2,110	868	x
2004	Dec	15,589	1,097	563	14,343	2,211	870	556
	Nov	15,839	1,245	645	14,446	2,195	889	555
	Oct	16,475	1,561	840	14,766	2,275	970	525
	Sep	16,901	1,688	848	15,062	2,250	994	529
	Aug	16,782	1,787	877	14,845	2,292	974	564
	Jul	17,100	1,783	883	15,168	2,357	962	530
	Jun	17,486	1,628	791	15,734	2,371	1,073	520
	May	16,398	1,357	661	14,946	2,231	1,157	547
	Apr	15,014	1,019	481	13,911	2,155	1,119	544
	Mar	14,841	894	389	13,799	2,100	1,086	562
	Feb	14,599	801	382	13,656	2,068	1,064	576
	Jan	14,423	809	355	13,464	2,149	1,062	552
2003	Aug	16,856	1,764	975	14,946	2,564	1,102	527
2002	Aug	16,155	1,402	904	14,617	2,336	1,024	600
2001	Aug	15,624	1,689	1,136	13,841	2,042	905	557
2000	Aug	15,807	1,503	758	14,227	2,084	928	533
1999	Aug	15,694	1,781	962	13,853	1,971	803	635
1998	Aug	16,016	1,765	869	14,139	2,290	657	595
1997	Aug	15,359	2,578	1,538	12,586	2,042	647	525
1996	Aug	15,265	2,977	1,545	12,135	2,122	701	516
1995	Aug	13,110	2,099	1,269	10,964	1,772	730	439
1994	Aug	13,176	2,000	1,234	10,992	2,004	911	444
1993	Aug	13,297	2,152	1,326	11,145	2,312	934	431
1992	Aug	13,243	2,471	1,477	10,771	1,865	1,147	421
1991	Aug	11,511	1,579	943	9,931	1,588	1,077	429
Average Aug 1991 to 2006		**15,242**	**1,989**	**1,120**	**13,130**	**2,101**	**913**	**511**

**see note on page 4 for a list of what is included in 'Total'.*

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM Table 281-0023

x = suppressed for confidentiality
(p) = preliminary
(r) = revised

- There were 18,139 employees in the Yukon in August of this year. The average number of employees in the Yukon for August 1991-2005 was 15,049; the August '06 total of 18,139 is an increase of 3,090, or 20.5% over the August average.
- The seasonal cycle in the Goods-producing sector sees more employees during the June through October time period than during the November through May months. The number of employees peaks in the July/August months, and 2006 numbers are consistent with historical fluctuations observed in this sector.

4 Service-Producing Industries, continued...

		Finance and Insurance	Administrative and Support, Waste Management and Remediation Services	Educational Services	Health care and Social Assistance	Accommodation and Food Services	Public Administration*
2006	**Aug (p)**	**366**	**325**	**603**	**931**	**2,365**	**5,599**
	Jul (r)	370	308	891	971	2,385	5,581
	Jun	354	270	1,451	1,014	2,313	5,404
	May	321	285	1,465	1,014	1,772	5,375
	Apr	334	231	1,473	965	1,577	5,153
	Mar	311	221	1,541	979	1,540	5,179
	Feb	305	228	1,486	964	1,523	4,976
	Jan	321	211	1,397	962	1,435	4,773
2005	Dec	351	200	1,455	931	1,533	5,116
	Nov	339	206	1,462	922	1,577	4,983
	Oct	345	214	1,437	960	1,833	5,189
	Sep	355	232	1,261	961	2,058	5,351
	Aug	398	279	789	925	2,225	5,476
	Jul	441	290	781	929	2,275	5,433
	Jun	408	315	1,281	1,000	2,091	5,363
	May	371	249	1,315	957	1,599	5,208
	Apr	317	220	1,379	934	1,350	4,947
	Mar	342	224	1,441	942	1,351	5,044
	Feb	338	213	1,428	947	1,250	5,081
	Jan	320	220	1,326	928	1,164	5,179
2004	Dec	329	215	1,379	945	1,323	5,199
	Nov	392	213	1,378	931	1,396	5,114
	Oct	365	237	1,349	911	1,575	5,101
	Sep	348	236	1,233	913	1,694	5,295
	Aug	347	271	602	891	1,879	5,403
	Jul	343	300	602	950	2,053	5,415
	Jun	341	292	1,300	975	1,949	5,246
	May	351	231	1,318	973	1,653	5,018
	Apr	334	210	1,339	966	1,148	4,784
	Mar	321	201	1,362	990	1,054	4,784
	Feb	302	217	1,363	906	1,046	4,867
	Jan	306	214	1,258	970	997	4,708
2003	Aug	326	232	754	906	1,740	5,164
2002	Aug	304	183	957	936	1,493	5,158
2001	Aug	312	199	970	921	1,470	5,072
2000	Aug	311	205	1,262	883	1,432	5,100
1999	Aug	257	193	1,114	875	1,726	4,992
1998	Aug	288	210	1,491	761	1,610	4,799
1997	Aug	290	217	945	817	1,806	4,056
1996	Aug	279	218	898	1,015	1,795	3,314
1995	Aug	252	304	944	851	1,597	2,955
1994	Aug	245	183	896	747	1,440	3,084
1993	Aug	240	194	804	711	1,388	3,265
1992	Aug	254	199	882	658	1,264	3,251
1991	Aug	232	221	880	291	1,137	3,303
Average Aug 1991 to 2006		**294**	**227**	**924**	**820**	**1,648**	**4,374**

** Public adminstration includes all levels of government (federal, territorial, municipal and First Nations). Public Administration does not include teachers, college instructors etc. or health care workers who are captured in the Educational Services and Health and Social Service industries respectively.*

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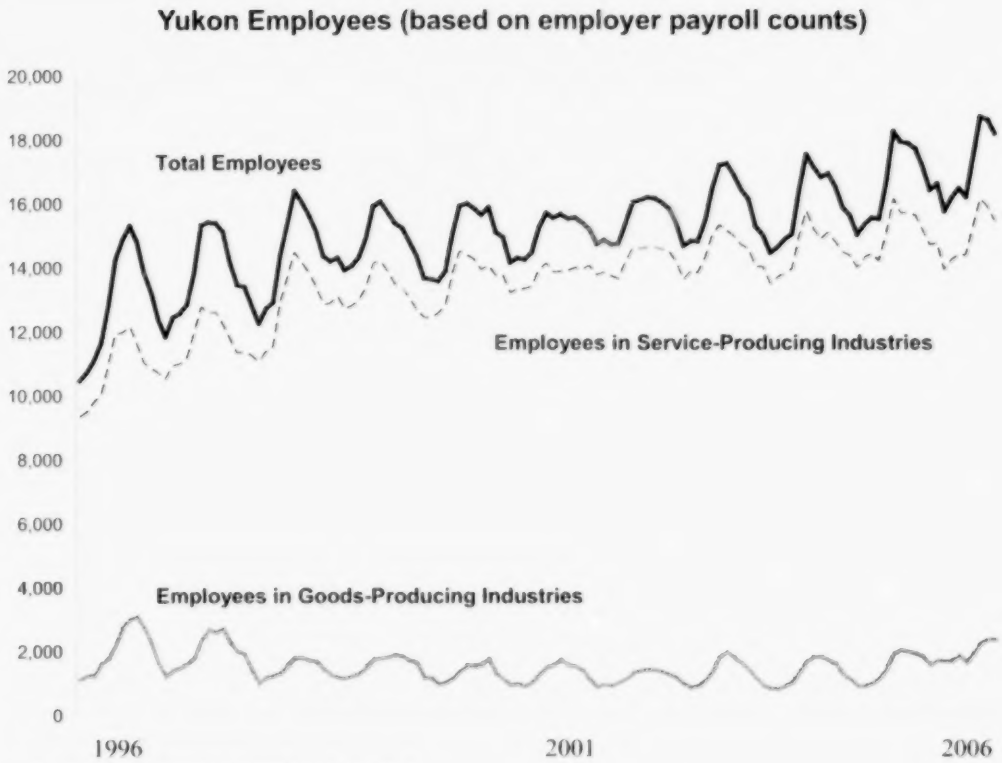
- The Service-producing sector is also influenced by seasonal fluctuations; there are more employees in the summer months, as would be expected with increased tourism traffic.
- In August of this year, the Administrative and Support, Waste Management and Remediation Services Industry, and the Public Administration Industry both have the highest number of employees of any month since the survey began in 1991. As well, over the past three months, the Accomodation and Food Services Industries have also had their highest numbers of employees.
- From 1991 to 2005, on average for the month of August, the Public Adminstration sector has accounted for 28.5% of all Yukon employees. In August 2006, the number of employees in Public Administration (5,599) was consistent with this historical trend, accounting for 30.9% of all Yukon employees.

5 Yukon Employees, January 1996 to August 2006



Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM Table 281-0023

- The above graph highlights the cyclical nature of employment in the Yukon, with increased employees through the summer months and a decrease through the winter.
- The graph also highlights that gains in the number of employees over the last 10 years have mainly been in the Service-producing Industries.
- Notable as well is the anomaly of the number of Goods-producing sector employees in the first six months of 2006. The number of employees in this sector has held relatively steady throughout the winter months of 2005/2006 without experiencing the winter contraction historically experienced in this sector. Since May of this year, the Goods-producing sector has experienced typical summer growth.

Note: In addition to the industries listed, 'Total Number of Employees' includes unclassified industries as well as industries with suppressed individual numbers. Under Goods-Producing Industries, this includes: Forestry, Logging and Support; Mining and Oil and Gas Extraction; Utilities; and Manufacturing. Under Service-Producing Industries, this includes: Real Estate and Rental and Leasing; Professional, Scientific and Technical Services; Management of Companies and Enterprises; Arts, Entertainment and Recreation; and Other Services (except Public Administration).

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